

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, February 12, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at 6010 Executive Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jackie Eder, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, (301) 594-6662. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at 301/594-6120.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCPR, on (301) 594-6662 no later than February 5, 1999.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Purpose**

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council provides advice to the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), on matters related to AHCPR activities to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and access to such services through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services. The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members. Harold S. Luft, Ph.D., the Council chairman, will preside.

##### **II Agenda**

On Friday, February 12, 1999, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman. The Administrator, AHCPR, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs and initiatives. Tentative agenda items include issues relating to health care quality, outcomes, cost, use and access. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. The official agenda will be available to AHCPR's website at [www.ahcpr.gov](http://www.ahcpr.gov) no later than February 1,

1999. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

**John M. Eisenberg,**

*Administrator.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**

##### **Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following study section meeting scheduled during the month of January 1999:

*Name:* Health Care Research Training Study Section.

*Date and Time:* January 28-29, 1999, 8:00 a.m.

*Place:* Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Room TBA, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20887.

Open January 28, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

*Purpose:* This Study Section is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications requesting dissertation support for health services research undertaken as part of an academic program to qualify for a doctorate. Also, individual post-doctoral fellowship applications will be reviewed.

*Agenda:* The open session of the meeting on January 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the study section will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1847.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

**John M. Eisenberg,**

*Administrator.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

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##### **Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

##### **Proposed Project**

*1. The Development and Implementation of a Theory-Based Health Communications Intervention to Decrease Silica Dust Exposure Among Masonry Workers—New—*The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Construction is the most frequently recorded industry on death certificates, and silicosis is the most frequently cause of death. Overexposure to crystalline silica is well documented in the construction industry, especially in brick laying and masonry. According to 1993 BLS data, there are 136,139 (at 24,362 establishments) masonry and brick laying workers in the U.S. and according to a recent study, approximately 17,400 masonry and plastering workers are exposed to at least five times the NIOSH recommended exposure limit (REL for